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Make New Nets, Keep the Old

By Thea S. Lovallo
Contributing writer

If movies have taught us anything, it's that sequels are never as good as the original. However, a group of universities, government agencies, and computer firms is hoping their sequel bucks this trend. If this project, called Internet2 (www.internet2.edu), succeeds, it will lead to an Internet that's faster, more reliable, and more powerful.

Internet2 (I2) is a super-fast network that will exist alongside — not

replace — the current Net. At least initially, I2 will not be open to the general public, but it will be used to develop networking technologies that can benefit the whole Internet. This scenario echoes the development of the present Net, which morphed from a U.S. government project into a worldwide collection of commercial networks. Technology developed during the Net's noncommercial days was used to improve the performance of the privately owned networks.

The I2 project began in 1996, when 34 universities, frustrated by slow connections and lost data, began working on plans for a faster, more reliable network. In 1997 they founded UCAID, the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development (www.ucaid.edu), which now includes more than 120 member universities and private sponsors — including Sprint (www.sprint.com), Cisco (www.cisco.com), and 3Com

(www.3com.com). UCAID provides more than \$50 million a year for the I2 project; additional funding comes from corporate sponsors and federal agencies.

The I2 network is scheduled to begin operations later this year and should be fully deployed in 1999. According to its supporters, this new network will open a new world to Net users within the next five years: I2's reliable high-speed connections will be able to support the transmission of enough information to enable broadcast-quality sound,

video, and multimedia. This will be a boon for anyone interested in long-distance learning, Web-based TV, or live networking.

But Internet2 is not the only high-speed Net project currently

in the works. I2 is closely related to the U.S. government's Next Generation Internet (NGI) project, which began in 1997. Both initiatives focus on creating new technologies that can benefit the current Internet. Several European countries are collaborating in the TEN-34 Consortium, a Cambridge, England-based high-speed network. One of Internet2's larger backers, fiber-optic network provider Quest (www.quest.com), is also working with the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California's CalREN-2 project, which will link more than a dozen private and public universities. Not everyone, however, is happy about these new Internet initiatives. A handful of other Internet companies — includ-

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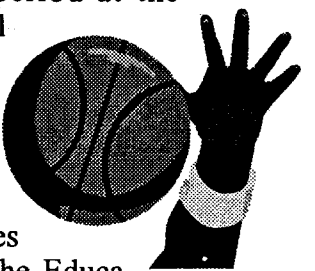
By Salina Vavia
Sports Editor

**Your Nova
Southeastern Knights
are finally moving
from NAIA
competition to NCAA
Division II play!**

Effective September 1, Nova Southeastern University will be a provisional member in NCAA Division II. The NCAA Division II Council made the decision at their July 28-30 meeting. The NCAA Division II President's Council then ratified this decision at its August 12th meeting.

Being a provisional member means that Nova must complete a four-year period at the provisional status. The Knights will have to participate in several activities

as part of the Educational Assessment Program for Division II provisional members. These activities include an orientation session for each institution's chief executive officer, which will be conducted by the NCAA staff and members of the Division II President's Council.



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Campus Life



New Students Welcomed to NSU

By Don Rosenblum
Contributing Writer

More than 440 new freshmen and transfer undergraduate Professional and Liberal Studies (P.A.L.S.) students started at NSU this fall, the largest entering class ever. Throughout the summer, new students have participated in several Summer Experience programs in order to meet with academic advisors, take placement tests (if necessary), and schedule classes. Parents of new freshman students were also invited to attend meetings with faculty and workshops outlining services to support student academic success.

New students were also invited to attend orientation programs just before the start of classes. Sessions highlighted opportunities for involvement, strategies for academic success, and plenty of time to socialize and meet new friends and classmates.

Highlighting the orientation program were welcome speeches by Nova Southeastern University President Ray Ferrero, Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies Dean Norma Goonen, and Student Government President Jennifer Szczech. In addition, 1992 alumnus Rob Brezinzski, now working as staff counsel with the Miami Dolphins, spoke about his fond experiences as an NSU undergraduate.

Key to the success of both summer experience and new student orientation programs has been the work of upper class student Orientation Leaders. These students, selected and trained during the late spring, served as guides and session facilitators and provided a unique perspective as current NSU students.

A third year student majoring in Legal Studies, Alyson Dion served as orientation coordinator and helped students schedule times to attend summer experience and orientation. In addition, Dion supervised the work of fellow student orientation leaders. According to Dion, "this summer was a lot of fun - and a lot

of work - and I really enjoyed talking with new students and their parents. The incoming new students have so much energy - it will be a great year!"

Each student orientation leader worked with small groups of new students throughout summer experience and orientation sessions. Often, the goals were simply to help new students meet each other and feel more comfortable on campus. Tours led by orientation leaders combined valuable information and facts about key resource officers with 'insider' information about strategies to succeed on campus and enjoy time spent at NSU.

Serving as student orientation leaders this summer were Melissa Hellerman, Tomer Hanina, Roya Ghorsriz, Dennis Holste, Chris Hannon, Rocio De'Ojeda, Angel Sanchez, Leon Chung, Indira Rolle, Jennifer Szczech, and Lani Cohen.

In addition to the work of student orientation leaders, several faculty and staff helped to plan and facilitate seminars and workshops during the summer experience and orientation programs. Caryn Asleson, Director of Student Support, provided administrative leadership for the orientation planning committee; Ruth Bosch, Assistant Director for Student Life, assisted with social and evening programs' development.

For new students, these programs serve as an introduction to important resources and helpful people. For both new freshman and new transfer students, the first semester will serve as an extended 'orientation classroom.' Certainly, with the continuing support of faculty, fellow students, and staff, this will be a positive and successful experience.

Students interested in learning more about upcoming opportunities to be involved with new student programs and planning for future orientation activities are invited to contact Don Rosenblum (262-8402) in the Dean's Office at the Farquhar Center.

Facelift for The Flight Deck: How the Union Got its Groove Back



By Alyson Dion
Campus Life Editor

It's Friday night. Along with classes and the new school year, the TGIFs have begun at The Flight Deck, NSU's student union. The menu is the same, but the ambiance changed drastically.

Along with a new stage that wraps around the northern perimeter of the deck, a 10 ft. by 10 ft. wooden dance floor and wall-to-wall carpeting enhance The Flight Deck's original features. Similarly, The Flight Deck has become home to a "Pop-a-Shot" basketball game, a magazine rack with all the current popular magazines, and a brand new lighting and fog system, used in the recent "Knight Club" dance party on Friday, August 21.

Aside from physical alterations, The Flight Deck has experienced some personnel changes as well. Frank Majnerich, the new Student Life Assistant Director for the Student Union, heads a team of enthusiastic "Flight Crew" members that include such familiar faces as Brad Fatout and Valerie Swanson, the two new Program Assistants.

Scott "Spanky" Helfrich, Graduate Assistant for The Flight Deck, now oversees the Intramural Union Sports which allows winners of Intramural tournaments to attend the Association for College Unions International (ACUI) Nationals. Winner of The Flight Deck, sponsored 9-ball Championship Pool Tournament (September 17-18) and Intramural bowling will receive an all-expense

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The House Is Open

By Keisha McCarthy
Student Government Editor

As your new Student Government Editor, I take this opportunity to welcome all Nova Southeastern University Students back to the new school year. To our freshmen and transfer students, I wish for you all the best for the academic year and trust that while here at Nova, you will get involved in extra-curricular activities. To our continuing students, I trust that those of you who did not do well academically last year will use the new year as an opportunity to catch up, and for those of you who did well, I pray for your continued success.

The student government year kicked off with the meeting of the Senate on Sunday, August 30 in the Flight Deck. The meeting was called to order at 2:35pm by Paul Wisniewski, Vice President of Legislation. At that time, ten senators were present, and the meeting commenced with roll call followed by the reading of the minutes and Announcements. During the announcements, Jessica Rivera, International Senator, was appointed Secretary to the Vice President of Legislation. Astound by her new position, she proceeded to make jottings in preparation for next Sunday's minutes. Another issue discussed was lunch with the Dean of Undergraduate Studies on Tuesday, September 15, 1998, at noon in the cafeteria. All students are invited.

Senators addressed issues relating to their constituents which included a concern for students who miss meals because their class schedules conflict with Restaura's hours. Other issues discussed were by-



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Campus Life



A Walk through the Unknown

By Jennifer Whitesel
Contributing Writer

I arrived on campus and began to realize the true extent of my eagerness to meet new people, start new things and learn more about myself. I began to grasp the idea that for the next four years I have the opportunity to grow as a person, and that I will spend this time on the campus at Nova Southeastern University. It was Tuesday, the eighteenth of August, and my newest journey was just beginning.

I registered at Leo Goodwin Hall, moved all my things upstairs, and said good-bye to my parents. I hoped that I would not have to spend much of my time in the dorm room without a roommate and staring at the blue and almond speckled pink walls. As I rustled through my bag of goodies (a.k.a. lots of paperwork) from the registration process, I dis-

covered a schedule of activities. I decided right then and there that this was the way that I was going to meet people and become involved. I scanned over the list and in between the workshops and meetings I uncovered a trip to the beach, movies, a volunteering excursion, socials, and many more interesting activities.

As 5:00pm rolled around, hunger began to set in and, I headed over to dinner at the Flight Deck. To my dismay the Flight Deck was virtually empty and, since I had no roommate, I was alone. Finally someone who was looking to meet a new friendly face roamed in, we ate dinner, conversed and watched US Marshals together. I was content with the night's activities and went to bed that evening with confidence in a wonderful tomorrow.

Wednesday morning the schedule summoned, and I made my way

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A New Day Dawns for NSU-SGA

By Andrea Staller
Contributing Writer

The Student Government Association (SGA) for Nova Southeastern University (NSU) spent its yearly retreat at 'Tween Waters Inn in Captiva, Florida. 18 student leaders and 6 facilitators attended the retreat designed to promote leadership among members of the organization who will, in turn, bring the skills and knowledge back to Nova, and incorporate them with their roles as student leaders.

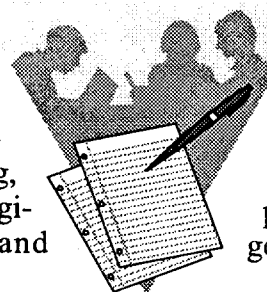
All of the workshops were given by Brad Williams, Director of Student Life, and facilitated by Stephanie Castonguay, Operations Manager for Student Life; Frank Majnerich II, Assistant Director for Student Life, Student Union; Elizabeth Frazier, NSU SGA Faculty Advisor; Sandy Frazier, Facilitator; and Andrea Staller, Program Assistant for Leadership Development. Students separated into groups to perform certain tasks. The interactive workshops were designed to promote the necessary components for effective leadership: teamwork, communication, integrity, trust, charisma, vision, empowerment, articulation, and passion. Patience was, by far, determined to be the one component most difficult to master and maintain. The workshops were not only informative, but fun!

One workshop required the students to use Playdough to illustrate terms associated with leadership. The students claimed the easiest words to illustrate were finances, meetings, and entertainment; whereas, some of the most difficult words to illustrate were trust, integrity, and commitment. The students found this exercise fun, frustrating, interesting, intriguing, informative, artistic, imaginative, challenging, and thought provoking.

During the workshop, "Campus Life with No Limits," each team designed their "ideal" university. This workshop showed the students that NSU is their University, and it can become anything the students want it to be. There is no better time than the present to set traditions and legacies. According to Brad Williams, there isn't anything the NSU SGA could not do to develop the university campus life the students desire. The students came up with ideas for a wellness-type university including mineral springs and circular buildings with purified ventilation systems. In addition, massages and facials would be available to promote attention to well-being. Other universities consisted of life by the ocean, where professors lived on campus and participated in campus life and entertainment. Also, golf carts, purchased by those who chose to use them, were the only form of transportation on campus. Each university had main themes in common such as a focus on responsibility, diversity, unity, and academic excellence.

The closing workshop brought all the components of leadership learned throughout the weekend into one theme. Teams of students and facilitators had a blast incorporating various props into skits performed for the entire group. Through teamwork, passion, patience, trust, empowerment, integrity, and commitment, each team successfully represented all necessary components of leadership.

As a reward to the students for all their hard work and participation, we spent an afternoon on a boat tour of Captiva and the surrounding Islands. We even visited the Bar & Grill on Cabbage Key where Jimmy Buffet reportedly wrote "Cheesburger in Paradise."



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Faster Refunds, Anyone?

By Bursar Office Dept.
Contributing Writer

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There's a fun reason to sign up, too. NSU has periodic prize drawings for the direct depositors. The next is November 1, 1998. The \$100 prize isn't as big as the Florida Lottery, but the odds are better.

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paid trip to the ACUI Nationals. Look for other Intramural events to come during the fall and winter, including darts and quiz bowl.

In its second year, The Flight Deck Movie Theater opened its doors on September 1, with L.A. Confidential, starring Academy Award-winner Kim Basinger, Russell Crowe, and Kevin Spacey. The Flight Deck Movie Theater General Manager, Jason M. Gavril, has a "horror extravaganza" scheduled for the month of October. Some creepy thrillers include Demon

Knight and The Frighteners, starring Michael J. Fox. Look for a special Halloween showing of the original Amityville Horror.

As always, The Flight Deck will continue their Friday night traditions of TGIF. While the name stays the same, the activities have expanded. Friday evenings now include karaoke, comedians, various musical acts, and "Open Mic" nights.

Come see the new, improved look and activities The Flight Deck has to offer you!

SGA Kicks Off

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laws, the budget, funding for clubs, what should be done to clubs in "bad standing" and the Constitution. No decisions were made because the budget and By-laws were not completed.

I would like to remind all students that as stated in the constitution "Senate meetings are open to the University community unless otherwise stated in advance." The meeting of the Senate is held every Sunday at 2:30pm in the Flight Deck, and students should make an effort to attend at least one of the meetings. Copies of the Constitution of the Nova Southeastern Undergraduate Student Government Association

(NSUSGA) are available at the Student Government or Student Life Offices in the Rosenthal Building. I should hope that all students will try and get a copy of the constitution.

The present Senators are Chris Blackwell, Inter Organization Council (IOC) Senator; Arik Chellew and Chris Hannon, Senators for Athletics; Brad Fatout, Commuter Senator; Danny Flynn, Residential Senator; Vanessa Leret, Sorority Senator; Jessica Rivera, International Senator; Jared Tacher and Erik Torres, Minority Senators; Allyn-George Thomas, Inter-fraternity Council Senator; Amy Turner, Toni Vigliotti, James Baker, Debbie Baker and Cristina Groschel, Organizing Standing Board (OSB). All Senators can be contacted through the Student Government Office.

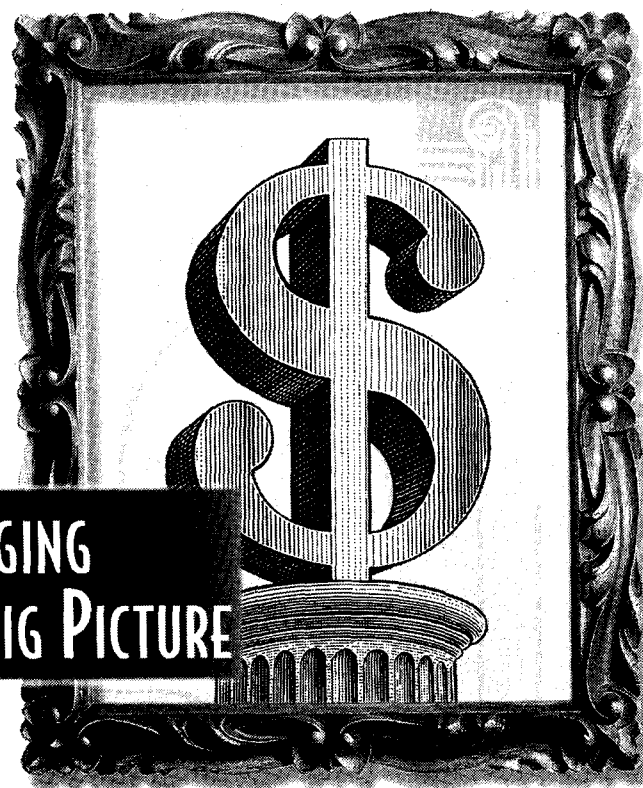
The meeting of the Senate ran smoothly and orderly with senators raising their hands to address issues of concern. It was adjourned at 3:55pm and senators took the time to mingle with each other before going their separate ways.

Two positions for Commuter Senators and one for an International Senator are open. Applications are available at the student government and student life offices.

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Campus Life

A Whole New World

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downstairs to head for the beach. The group en route to the beach was small, and mostly made up of non-freshmen because of the Summer Experience Program in progress. The bunch of us was made of a few freshmen, some returning students, and members from Residential and Student Life. Everyone enjoyed the beach: volleyball, swimming, a barbecue, and a short shopping spree. Dinner was provided that evening in the lobby of Leo Goodwin Hall. Students whisked in and out of the lobby; grabbing food and heading back to their rooms. No one was really sticking around except one girl to whom I finally introduced myself. Judy, it turns out, and I became

friends quickly. Although we are very different from one another, we have many similar interests; we decided to go on the trolley ride together. Well, the trolley ride was pretty boring: Carl, the trolley driver, was used to an "elderly" audience and was not quite prepared to show a group of college kids around town, but Judy and I had a great time discussing anything and everything. She was the first real friend I met at Nova.

Shopping, did someone say shopping? All I had to do to get a free ride to go shopping was meet downstairs in the LGH lobby at 10:00 Thursday morning. The participation level was much greater this time around, and we headed off. We

drove around for a while and our leaders, Angel (driving, "AAHHH") and Lani, showed us some interesting shops, theaters, etc. We ended up going to Walmart; we needed the necessities: desk lamps, alarm clocks, comforters, shampoo. The everyday stuff (everyone forgot something or another). After the shopping extravaganza everyone split up; I headed for the "butterfly thing." The Score Program, headed by Madeline Pena, set up a volunteer mission at Tree Tops Park: we were commissioned to clear shrubbery from a portion of the park and plant young plants (which were chosen specifically to attract butterflies). We all got a little dirty, but we had fun and helped the environment at

the same time. Later, we had dinner and floor meetings that night. The meeting was long, but informative and I met a few new people. A group headed over to the Flight Deck for the movie: "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil." Thursday night was fun; the only problem was we had to get up at 8:00am Friday morning for Orientation.

The newest students at Nova, freshmen and transfers, rolled out of bed Friday morning and headed for Check-In and Breakfast for the first day of "Welcome Aboard Orientation '98." We sat in the big hall (Thank God it was air conditioned) and listened to important pep

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Got Wood?

By Yiselk Enriquez
Contributing Writer

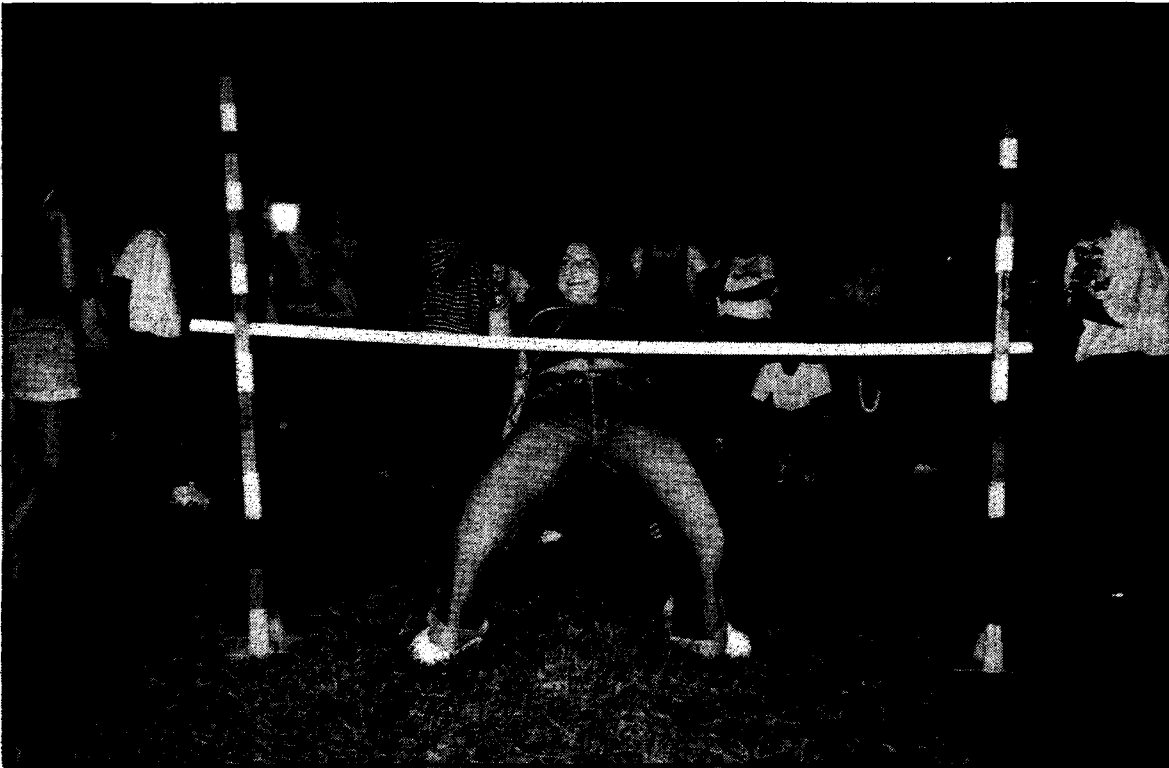
Wanna burn it? If you were at NSUSGA's first annual "Got Wood?", you did just that. The night was a blazing good time. The event

held on Saturday, August 22, behind Leo Goodwin Residence Hall, was a combination of a bonfire, live Reggae concert, and a classic drive-in movie. The event, open to all NSU students, faculty and staff, started at 8pm. The Flight Deck provided

tropical food and drink favorites while the band jammed to the rhythms of the islands. The god of all the islands could not help but show his presence at such a prestigious event...Mr. Tiki god himself was available for pictures. What

what would a Reggae party be without a limbo contest? Sure enough the limbo contest proved what we knew right along, NSU students could really get down and dirty. Contest winner, Jason Koury, received a free trip to the Bahamas provided by Student Life.

NSUSGA would really like to thank all members of the Flight Deck, WNSU, Residential Life, and all participants of the 1st annual "Got Wood?" Listen up for more NSUSGA events...the best is yet to come.



A new Nova student, Stephanie Siravo, attempts the limbo contest



Got Wood's student organizers pose for one of the many pictures taken at Got Wood

Editorials

All Students Away From Home

By Keisha McCarthy
Student Government Editor

A famous writer once said that "Home is a place you live your life trying to leave and when you do you spend the rest of your life trying to go back." Home to me is just this. Being the baby in the family, I watched my brother and sisters leave home one by one. I watched my mother send her cakes and spices to them. I watched my father send his kisses, money, and love. I waited patiently for my turn, and now I want to return to the other side of the picture where I am watching them send all the "goodies" instead of being here receiving them.

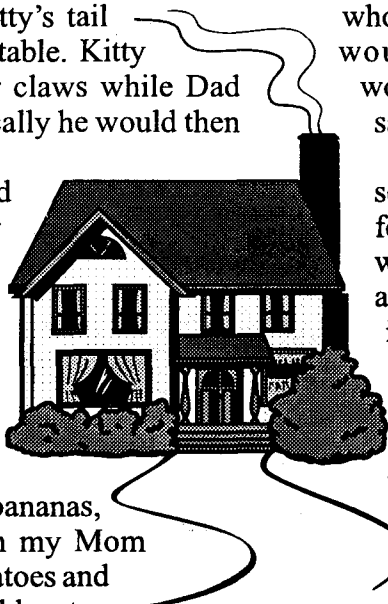
You see I came to realize that home is more than a nice big house with ample space for all my belongings. It is the warmth of coming home to people you know and love, who understand your desires. It is knowing that the people you love and who love you are just around the corner, not miles across the deep blue sea. It's not the familiarity of home I miss. It is the warm embraces that I no longer receive, the licking of my feet by my dog, and the echoing of my name to know that I am needed.

Memories like those are unforgettable, and as I think back, I can see my Dad and his friends on the verandah enjoying a good game of dominoes and drinking "Red Stripe" beer. Occasionally he would stop to pull kitty's tail a ball under the coffee table. Kitty hand to give him her claws while Dad his. Laughing ecstatically he would then cat is bad."

The uproar would randah to hush him for would complain. She the kitchen where the thyme and fried on-The smells of the drove my taste buds strong scent from the rice and peas steamed with yam and green bananas, cally. I would watch my Mom take out the baked potatoes and butter, my mouth would water.

Letuce, carrots, and sweet peppers would provide the rainbow effect in the kitchen while the mahogany cake would be placed in the center of the counter to cool. Mom would then hint to me to take the Jell-O and chocolate ice cream out of the refrigerator while she blended the fruits to finish the punch. I can still see her standing by the bunch of ripe bananas hanging from the ceiling, telling me to hurry.

Grandma, on the other hand, could be found in the lounge chair on the patio, humming quietly and listening to her favorite service, Back To The Bible. She never missed that service, not that I can remember. When I went on the patio to ascertain if she was ready for her tea and biscuits, if Back To The Bible was on her answer was always negative. Instead she would invite me to sit with her and listen, which I often did. The quiet time we shared was so fulfilling. I took it as a habit to go sit and listen to service with her, and many times, I would get the biscuits and tea ready before Back To The Bible started. We would eat and drink tea together and occasionally she would lift her head from her cup to smile at me



who would be curled in would then stretch a would swiftly remove say, "You see how the

send Mom to the ve-fear that the neighbors would then return to aroma of scallion, ions filled the air. kitchen always crazy. First, the coconut milk as the away. A pot boiled popped rhythmically. open the oven to as she melted the The tomatoes, let-

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From the Desk of the Editor in Chief

By Angel E. Sanchez
Editor in Chief

This summer, someone anonymously sent our faculty advisor a copy of an article from The Chronicle of Higher Education entitled "When Student Newspapers Offend, Advisors May Pay With Their Jobs."

It is a tremendous disappointment that someone at this educational institution would attempt to intimidate The Press by sending such a foolish note to its staff members (our faculty advisor).

Just like any newspaper, we should be guaranteed the freedoms of press and speech by the 1st Amendment of the United States Constitution. This amendment was set forth by our founding fathers to protect us from tyranny and allow each individual to express his/her voice without oppression.

We at *The Knight Newspaper* abide by the rules established by the Associate Press. Moreover, it is the duty of *The Knight Newspaper* to express the needs and concerns of students and to bring forth any information that will affect the students' lives as members of the Nova Southeastern University Community.

Furthermore, we respect and admire the hard work and dedication that our advisor has invested in the paper, and while we listen to her advice because she has proven herself to have a strong ethical and professional background, what is published is not the sole decision of the advisor; thus it is cowardice to harass and warn our advisor possible reciprocation for articles that may displease the administration of this university.

The world of the press, like anything else in life, is not perfect and does not always make everyone happy; however, it is a means to provide a balance to justice and prevent oppression by testimonies set forth by administrative departments and agencies.

Upside Down at the Movies: The New Zealand Film Festival

By Steven Alford and
Suzanne Ferriss
Contributing writers

We recently had the opportunity to enjoy the New Zealand Film Festival, which traveled to the major cities in the country, including Dunedin, on the South Island, where we are currently living while on sabbatical. This Kiwi festival was remarkable for the high quality of films presented, their international character, and the special attention they gave to films from Australasia.

A few themes linked many of the films. The most pervasive concern of film makers was family relations. One of the most impressive films of the festival came from Australia's Rachel Perkins. *Radiance* traces the tortured relationship between three aboriginal sisters, brought uneasily

together following the death of their mother. Family dysfunction is also the focus of Gary Oldman's first directorial effort, *Nil By Mouth*,* which examines a group of unemployed, drug-addicted and alcoholic family members as they work through their problems using violence, heroin, booze and jokes. The fact that Oldman dedicated this film to his father gives the film additional, if creepy resonance. *The Boys*, a disturbingly powerful look at three unemployed Australian brothers and the violence they are capable of, is simultaneously riveting and unpleasant to watch.

Other family films weren't so bleak. *Via Satellite*, by New Zealand director Anthony McCarten, paints a portrait of two very different twin daughters, one an Olympic cham-

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NAIA to NCAA

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An important aspect to this transition is an estimated \$13 million and \$18 million complex. This state-of-the-art facility will be completed in just five years. The 172,000 square-foot field house will include a gymnasium, a 50-meter Olympic size pool, exercise facilities, classrooms, offices, and locker rooms. Currently, Knight athletes have to use other institutions' facilities, so this new complex will no doubt be a Knight's dream come true.

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sons for the Knights joining the NCAA Division II:

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* Joining the NCAA would give the Nova the opportunity to be identified with over 1200 other participating universities.

* Assurance of stronger commitment to Title IX for both men and women.

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also to all of their students.

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New Basketball Team on Campus

By Salina Vavia
Sports Editor

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Greek Life

Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity Chartered at NSU

By Richard Bartho
Contributing Writer

Last year as the semester was coming to an end, most students at NSU and across the nation were studying for finals and finishing up those final papers for classes. Sigma Alpha Mu Colony at NSU was concerned about our grades as well, but we had an event just as important to prepare for and attend—our chartering ceremony.

Let me first explain how this event came about. At the beginning of the Fall '97 semester, the National Office for our Fraternity stated that they wanted the colony of Sigma Alpha Mu at NSU to become the newest Chapter. However, we had to achieve many lofty goals. No chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu has ever been chartered with less than twenty-one members. At the time, we had approximately nine active

members, and we looked at the Fall Rush as our chance to make an impact and become an official Chapter. We initiated ten new brothers that semester and went on to achieve the target number.

All year long, every meeting of Sammy (our nickname) centered on our chartering and what had to be done before that would happen. Often, we did not get to have some of the great events that Sammies are internationally known for. Yet, when the Greek Awards were handed out in the winter semester, Sigma Alpha Mu won the Campus Involvement Award for sponsoring such events at Nova Howl, Unity Week, and other philanthropy events as well. In addition to our involvement at NSU, for the first time in approximately eight semesters, Sigma Alpha Mu had the highest GPA among Greek organizations on campus with a 3.14 cumulative GPA. We

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Beta Beta Beta

By Beta Theta Pi Brothers
Contributing Writers

On August 6th through 9th the brothers of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity held their 159th Annual Convention in Miami, Florida. Many of the brothers of the Nova Southeastern University Zeta Mu chapter had the unique opportunity to attend this lifetime memorable event at the near location.

On these days, hundreds of brothers of Beta Theta Pi united at the Miami Convention Center to celebrate their life in Beta. Chapters from all over the United States and Canada sent their delegates and representatives to participate in one of the best representations of the joys of brotherhood. Brothers from all chapters had the opportunity to meet the men who have made Beta what it is. These alumni who have kept Beta Theta Pi strong were present to remind all the brothers of what it means to be a Beta and to renew their commitment to the great principles of Beta Theta Pi: "dedication to the cultivation of the intellect, unsullied friendship and unfaltering fidelity." Those attending the events also had the opportunity to learn more about the history of Beta and about those throughout history who have given their time and unending efforts to make Beta Theta Pi what it is.

Unfortunately, due mostly to space constraints, attendance to many meetings and decision-making processes was reserved for the delegates of the individual chapters. These representatives were left with the responsibility of passing on to all other members the knowledge and inspiration received in these meetings.

Zeta Mu Chapter President, Norb Pratts, tells his experience as delegate at convention:

This year at Convention I was chosen as a delegate to represent our chapter. Something I believe is very unique is that our fraternity is run from the bottom-up. By this I mean that unlike other organizations and fraternities where the rules are set by the administration, in Beta the representatives of the chapters vote on the decisions that are made. An example of this is an issue that most likely comes up in every fraternity. This is the decision of being a "dry" (no alcohol) fraternity. In most

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Brothers of Beta at a convention over the past summer

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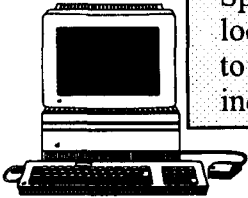
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Internet Expansion

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Tradition in Life

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across the patio table. Latter on this tradition would change my life.

The hammock hanging in the shade of big shaded mango tree was my favorite spot. There I would look on the people passing through the valley chattering and laughing, while the palm trees swayed gently from left to right, and the angry waves thundered against the rocks.

To me home is more than a place, a feeling, and people. It is all these things put together. It is where I am most comfortable, where I lay my hat. Sometimes I feel that if I ar-

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range my room the way it was back home, I will feel at home. Other times I feel that if I cook with Mom's spices or play reggae music, I will feel better. I keep searching for the right thing to feel at home, but I never find it. Then the melancholy feeling sets in and the question of never finding home again haunts me.

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Start the Year off Right - Volunteer!

By **Fran Baldasare**
Student Assistant at the
Campus Volunteerism Office

What better way to start off the year than volunteer? The Campus Volunteerism Office can help set you off on the right track with several service opportunities.

The Campus Volunteerism Office serves undergraduate students by maintaining a resource file of local and national community service agencies that can always use a volunteer like you. The Volunteerism Office will help you find a community service project that is right for you. The Office sponsors numerous campus-wide community service projects such as Karnival 4 Kids. Some of our past service projects include a kickball game with the Boys and Girls Club, painting a family center and working with the homeless. Our first activity for the year is a Service Saturday event. Service Saturday is a program sponsored by our office and



SCORE (Service for the Community ... Opportunity, Responsibility and Excellence for Students) to encourage volunteerism in our community. The objective is to involve NSU students, faculty and staff in making our community a better place.

Our first Service Saturday is on September 12 from 10 am - 1:00 pm. We will be visiting the Lippman Family Center located in Oakland Park. The Lippman Family Center works with at risk adolescents between the ages of 12-15. Together with these adolescents, we will paint and brighten up the Center. Please meet at the Rosenthal Student Center at 9:30 am. Transportation will be provided.

Some of the other projects include Special Olympics on October 3 and a Kids Voting program on November 3. At the Kids Voting program we will set up voting booths at local elementary schools and explain the importance of voting to the students.

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any ideas for community service, or are interested in attending any of these activities please feel free to contact me at 262-7291 or e-mail me at baldasaf@polaris.nova.edu.

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these service opportunities. Let other students know that if they are interested in volunteering, they can stop by the Volunteer Office on the 2nd floor of the Rosenthal Student Center. The more people we have involved in service, the better we will be able to impact our community!

New to NSU

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speak, then headed off to the multitude of workshops set up for us. What can anyone expect? The workshops were not the most fun thing we could have been doing, but I'm sure everyone learned a little something. The festivities began that night at 8:00pm at the Flight Deck; the "Knight Club" was in full gear. There were pool, darts and tennis tournaments and Sony PlayStation was projected on the 5ft. by 5ft. movie screen with Surround Sound. Virgin frozen drinks were served and any worries about the upcoming week of school were danced away.

On Saturday there was a pool party, more workshops, and finally the big finale: Nova Southeastern University Student Government Association's First Annual "Got Wood?" The party was great; there was a Bon Fire, a live Reggae band, and a drive in movie. The food was free and there were frozen beverages for everyone. And how could I forget Polaroids with the huge Tiki god? The night was a blast.

On Sunday there was a Volleyball Tournament planned and I was excited to attend. My skills in the game are minimal, but I enjoy playing. We had a decent team, but the graduate residents beat us in the first round. After spending the remainder of the day at the pool and going for a run, there was another floor meeting. The meeting was quick and painless. I went back to the room and laid down pondering the possibilities of the coming week. I was nervous and eager for the week to start; I fell asleep hoping for the upcoming adventures to be as wonderful as my previous ones.

Beta For Life

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cases, chapters wouldn't have anything to say. Administration would make that decision for them and the chapters would just have to abide by the rules set for them. In Beta, these issues are brought before all chapters present at convention and all these chapters vote on whether they should make a decision like this or whether it should even be discussed.

So, as a delegate, I sat in a committee to review other chapters. I learned a lot about how meetings should be run and the proper procedures for running them. I learned much about the business aspect of the whole fraternity that is not as obvious in each individual chapter, the things that go on behind the scenes. I also had the opportunity to attend other meetings and see how some of the other fraternity officers work. It was amazing to see how each chapter represents the whole fraternity in its composition. It was amazing to see how well run the fraternity is.

The whole experience is something that I can't really describe with words. You have to actually be there and participate to actually get the full effect, to understand what the convention is all about. The best way I could try to describe it would be the feeling of brotherhood. I personally believe I have always felt that I understood what brotherhood is. This is one of the things that made me join in the first place. I felt that Beta had a real sense of brotherhood. What I mean is I feel like every single member of our chapter is my real brother. Convention totally reinforced that feeling. When I was there I really felt like I had thousands of brothers. The

sense of brotherhood made so easy to talk to everyone there. Just to know all of them believed the same principles and held the same standards of excellence that beta insists that we had, made so easy to talk to anyone there.

But you really can't describe the feeling with words. When it was done I was a million times more enthusiastic about coming back to school, getting everyone together, getting the chapter back together and having a great time together. I just couldn't wait.

Save the best for last

The best part of the Beta Theta Pi Annual Convention was saved for the end. This was when all the visitors and spectators of the area stood in awe as hundreds of betas of ages ranging from late teens to late nineties stood in line, held each other's shoulder, and marched in unison to the sound of hundreds of their voices singing their beloved song, Marching Along. They marched together

into the large dining room where they were greeted by a great banquet.

Many of the members also brought their "Beta Sweethearts," some of whom have faithfully accompanied their husbands to over thirty conventions. Those present were introduced to many of the brothers who have been Betas for

many years. The most impressive of all was a brother who has been a Beta for 80 years.

Other events of the night included the singing by the sophomore fellows and the presentation of awards of chapter excellence. The candor and enthusiasm of the singing brought tears to many eyes in the room as all felt the strength of Beta's bonds of brotherhood.

Convention has proven to be one of the greatest experiences of Beta Theta Pi. We recommend that all Greeks, no matter what their affiliation, make the effort to attend their own group's convention at least once during their undergraduate life and as many times as possible after. It is truly an experience that will be cherished for a lifetime. For the brothers of Beta Theta Pi, the experience of convention was a remarkable one as they prepare for the new term with great expectancy and hope to make this year an even better one than the last.



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Greek Life

Sigma Alpha Mu 1998 Leadership Conference and Convention

By **Richard Bartho**
Contributing Writer

As I packed my things to go home on August 15, 1998, I remembered what happened the previous five days. As a delegate for the newest chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu, I represented the Epsilon Beta Chapter at NSU. I hope I made an impact on my fellow undergraduate brothers and hope I can convey all these great ideas and information to my chapter when I get back.

After driving into St. Louis from nearby Branson, Missouri, I was extremely tired but knew I was approximately five minutes late for the first session of our Conference. Oh no, I didn't want to make a bad impression, so I held my head high and walked in to the first meeting where the welcomes were taking place. After learning what the following days held for all of us, we started on the most important issue regarding Greek organizations at this time.

Several International Fraternities have made the decision to mandate that all chapters houses be alcohol-free by the turn of the century. Since Sigma Alpha Mu is often at the forefront on change, the motto for our

Convention was "Change: Our Foot-bridge to the Future," and our National Office was looking into the concept of Alcohol-Free housing. We listened to many speakers regarding the topic, and we as brothers gave our input into the problem and its solution. I am glad to say as an undergraduate brother, our National Officers listened to what we were saying. As a result of a decision made at this Convention, any chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity that is in violation with the National Risk Management Policy must become an Alcohol-Free House as of August 17, 1998. This policy basically states that the responsibility is with the chapter. If a chapter breaks the rules, they will be forced to suffer the penalties.

In addition, we also discussed other vital issues of Greek Life as it pertains to Sigma Alpha Mu. We discussed Hazing, Social Events, Scholarship, Leadership roles, and many other interesting topics during the day. At night, the brothers spent time together learning about each other's chapter and getting to know each other as a person. With the famous Archway to the West just across the street, it was hard to sit

through so many meetings while we could be outside having fun. But our fun came when we attended a St. Louis Cardinals game one night and waited to see the next home run by Mark McGuire. The group of brothers attending was just as entertaining as the game. Sammy brothers attempted to start a wave throughout the game, and several times it made it around the stadium. Everyone had a great time and just getting a chance to spend time with the brothers was great.

As the Convention came to a close, we finished all of the business and we were preparing to say our "Good and Welfare," which represents a time to speak our minds. Many brothers stepped up to the microphone and spoke their minds, and the applause that followed was nice to see. When you see a brother almost break down into tears because of his feelings towards all the brothers in the room, you can't help but feeling like apart of something special. I can't wait till next year when we will be attending in Los Angeles and our charter will be ratified. I can't wait to see some of those same brothers. I can't wait to do it all over again.

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were very proud of all these achievements, but they were only stepping-stones to our greater goal of chartering.

On Sunday, April 26, 1998, nineteen active brothers and two alumni became the founding fathers of Epsilon Beta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity. While the rest of the campus was making sure to cram in those last few hours of study for those finals on Monday, the brothers of Sammy were celebrating an event that was destined to happen three years ago.

Now, as the newest chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu, we look forward to another great year with more events, better grades, and more great brothers. We hope that summer went well for everyone, and we welcome all the new incoming students to NSU. We would also like to thank the Interfraternity Council, the Greek Affairs Office, the Office of Student Life and the Nova Southeastern Undergraduate Student Government Association for all their assistance and prayers as we made our climb becoming Epsilon Beta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu. If you are interested in Sigma Alpha Mu or Greek Life, seek out any one of the brothers and ask them what joining a Fraternity has meant to them and how great it is to be a part of something FOREVER!

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Entertainment

"The Flight Deck Movie Theater's New Season" "What's Playing At The Deck"

By Jason M. Gavril,
The Flight Deck Movie
Theater General Manager

The Flight Deck Movie Theater is starting off its season with a bang. This year, the movie theater is getting movies on or before they are released on video. There will be special Sunday showings of Wild Things and City Of Angels; these movies will be shown before they are available on video! The other movies playing in September are Copland and The Game. For those new to NSU, The Flight Deck Movie Theater is located in the Rosenthal Student Center in The Flight Deck right next to the new stage. Each

week a new movie plays in the theater.

As a special treat this October, The Flight Deck Movie Theater is showing only horror films. For your viewing pleasure, The Flight Deck Movie Theater will be showing: The Frighteners, Demon Knight, Stephen King's Creepshow, and John Carpenter's Prince Of Darkness. And on October 30, The Flight Deck is having a special midnight showing of Amityville Horror. We hope to see all the students out for this special horror extravaganza.

As the general manager, I have tried to pick show times that are convenient for students. Every Sunday

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pion, the other a vitriolic loner, as they try to come to terms with their relationship as well as to the wacky losers who are their relations. Alain Berliner's Ma Vie En Rose (already released in the U.S.) follows the fortunes of a young boy, growing up in a bourgeois family, convinced that he's a girl. The film alternates rapidly between the cruelty of his classmates and his parents' well-meaning, but often wounding, attempts to come to terms with their son's sexuality. Also from France, leftist director Robert Guediguian's Marius & Jeannette shows the plight of a

feisty, downtrodden single mother as she tries to combine responsibilities to her children with her developing affection for a security guard on a neighboring construction site. Western (West of Paris, that is) is Manuel Poirer's paean to multicultural understanding, this time between two men, a Russian-Italian drifter and a Spanish shoe salesman who find themselves hitchhiking through France, trying to both stay alive and fall in love.

One of the standouts of the festival was a film by Australian John Duigan, maker of Flirting and The Year My Voice Broke. This time out he's made an absorbing and disturbing film, Lawn Dogs, set in Kentucky, about a independent-minded young girl and the unusual emotional attachment she has for the local yard man. Although no Lolita, this film explores the uneasy relationship that develops between a passionately imaginative middle-class girl and a decent but perplexed lower class man with delicacy and humor.

Less delicate is Neil Jordan's Butcher Boy (already released in the

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Dave Matthews's Tour

By Kyle B. Washburn
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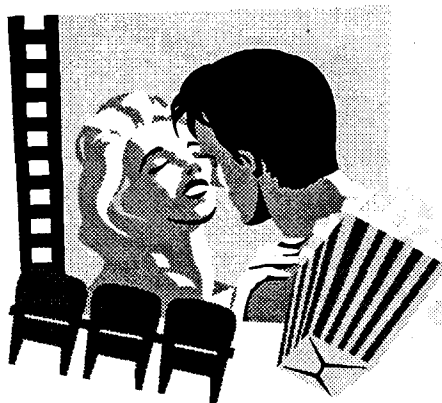
One stop on Dave Matthews' new tour was the Coral Sky Amphitheater in West Palm Beach on August 26th. The concert opened with Herbie Hancock and the Headhunters who provided some smooth jazz to warm the crowd. I did not catch most of their act due to the traffic on the way to the concert, but from what I heard, they sounded great, with a mild jazz sound to soothe the audience. At approximately 8:30, Dave and his band came out onto stage.

The crowd erupted as soon as they saw the Dave Matthews Band take stage. The Dave Matthews Band opened with Patella and then followed with Rapanzel. This made the crowd stir into a frenzied dance. Dave then thanked the crowd for coming to listen by singing Napunda Replunder. Napunda Replunder is Japanese translating to, "Welcome to our house." I was moved by this gesture, and so were those who understood what the song meant.

Dave Matthews was not the only performer I had come to see that day. Most of his entourage of back-up musicians has made names for themselves during their long solos. One back-up star, Boyd Tinsell, provided some interesting artistic sounds from his violin. He bowed and plucked his beautiful instrument with grace. Carter Beauford on drums and congas gave the group a rhythm to follow. His solos amazed the crowd to stop dancing, so they might stare at his genius. Steffan Lessard on bass and Leroy Moore added a blues touch to the sound of the band. Leroy often impressed the crowd with his wizardry on the flute.

The crowd then grooved to the rich music of Say Goodbye, Stay, Crash into Me, and Forty-one. My friends and I could not sit down during the entire show. Dave and his companions kept us dancing all night. He then followed with his new hit song Don't Drink the Water. The crowd erupted in a roar that was deafening. People all around danced with even more intensity. After Don't Drink the Water Dave played Crash, Jimmy Thing, Lionel Graves, and Tripping Billies. A friend of mine, who has seen Dave Mathews perform dozens of times, agreed with me that this version of Tripping Billies was one of the best he has heard. Another friend who has never seen Dave's magic stared in awe all night. Finally Dave closed with a blues version of Bob Dylan's All Along the Watchtower; (Jimmy Hendrix later made this song famous). I enjoyed Dave's rendition just as much as Hendrix's.

As we were leaving the amphitheater, a state of euphoria hit us all. We had just had the privilege of listening and dancing to Dave Matthews' sweet music for three hours. As I walked out, I felt as though this was the best Dave Matthews concert I had seen, but then again, I say that every time Dave performs. If you have a chance to see the Dave Matthews Band perform, I strongly suggest that you do so. Everybody leaves a Dave Matthews concert with happy feet and a smile on their face.



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Movie Mania

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U.S.), which also tells the story of a child, in this case a cheerfully homicidal boy in a small Irish town. An added benefit of this film is the chance to see Sinead O'Connor play the Virgin Mary.

Along with family relations, male-female relations were prominent. In the Company of Men (already released in the U.S.), the Scandinavian black comedy Junk Mail, American Vincent Gallo's Buffalo 66, and Brit Nick Broomfield's documentary, Kurt &

Courtney all explore the potential for violence and hostility ever-present in our mating impulses.

One of the real finds of the festival was Memory and Desire, a first directorial outing by New Zealander Niki Caro. This film, based on an historical event that inspired local writer Peter Well's short story, follows the psychological descent of a young Japanese woman who marries above her class and then loses her husband to drowning while on their New Zealand honeymoon. Outstanding acting and beautiful cinematography make this a compelling story of obsessional love.

One of our favorite directors is Long Island's Hal Hartley, maker of, among other films, Trust and The Unbelievable Truth. After stumbling a bit with Amateur and Simple Men, he has in Henry Fool created his most ambitious, and best film to date. Although structurally unsound (the film falls into two ill-connected parts about two-thirds of the way through),

Henry Fool reminds you that films can tackle grand themes, while anchoring the action in a believable milieu.

We saw twenty-five films during the two weeks of the festival. Our picks? Ride your bike, hitchhike, or take a taxi to Radiance, Lawn Dogs, Memory and Desire, and Henry Fool. Then drop us a line and tell us what you think.

Although a tiny country of three and a half million people, New Zealand boasts a film industry that has produced, among others, Once Were Warriors, Heavenly Creatures, An Angel at My Table, The Piano, and, this year, Memory and Desire. Like the Irish, the Kiwis live in a small, impossibly beautiful country, and use the medium of film to exhibit their proud, distinctive and creative spirit. We were delighted to have had the opportunity to experience a bit of that spirit during the festival.

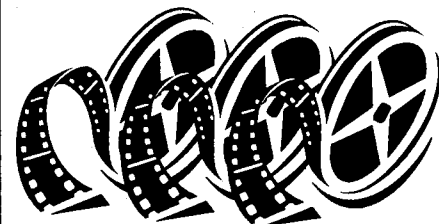


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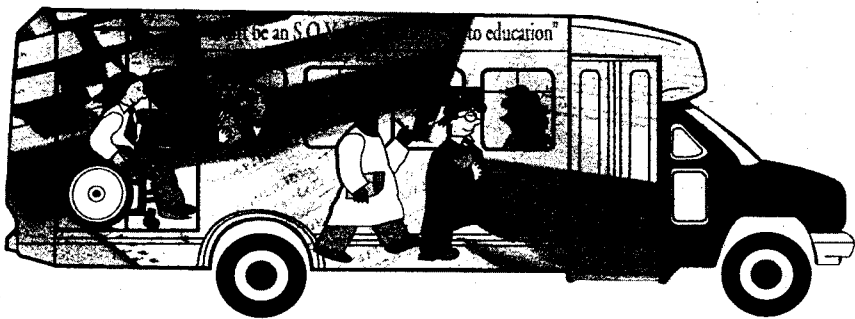


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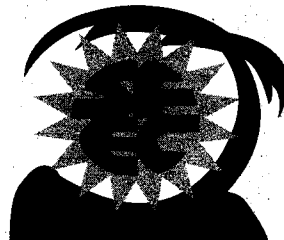
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